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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 978
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Curtis Jerome Jordan,
2002 Valedictorian of Brainerd High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Jerome Jordan is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Brainerd High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Mr. Jordan has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

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WHEREAS, during his four years at Brainerd High School, Curtis Jerome Jordan has been a valuable member of many programs and clubs, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, and the “Doing the Right Thing Program”; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded leader among his peers, Mr. Jordan has served as a member of the Student Council and the BHS Yearbook Staff; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated tremendous athletic ability as a talented member of his school’s Football, Track, Wrestling, and Soccer Teams; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished vocalist, Curtis Jerome Jordan has been a valued member of the a capella Choir for four years and is also an active member of his church choir; and

WHEREAS, a Delegate to American Legion Boys' State, Mr. Jordan’s extraordinary work ethic and commitment to learning have earned him numerous awards and honors, including recognition as an All-American Scholar and membership in the National Achievers Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Brainerd Scholars, and the National Honor Society; he also has been listed in *Who’s Who Among American High School Students*, and has been included on the National Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable young man has been accepted to several colleges and has been awarded scholarships to attend Morehouse College, Tennessee Tech, UTK, UTC, Lane, and Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, he plans to major in Chemical Engineering at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia; his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition as a student at Brainerd High School surely bodes well for his future success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Jerome Jordan is a faithful member of the Mt. Canaan Missionary Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan’s noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jordan, Sr., his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Brainerd High School Valedictorian, Curtis Jerome Jordan, on his impressive academic achievements, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.